

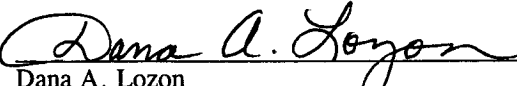


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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2004, Applicants hereby elect the Group I invention for prosecution at this time without traverse. Further, Applicants elect the species defined by claims 1, 3, 11, and 13 of the Group I invention for prosecution. The Examiner has indicated that claim 11 is generic.

It is noted that a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was filed by Applicant on May 29, 2002, but the acknowledgement postcard was never returned. Since this submission

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has not been acknowledged, enclosed is an updated Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. The Examiner's consideration of this information is requested.

Early and favorable action on this application is respectfully requested.

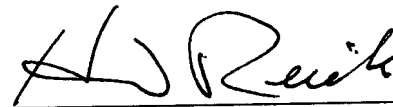
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